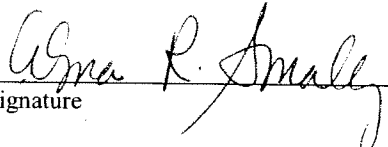


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**PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION FOR CAUSE
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.103(a)**

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Applicants hereby petition the Office for a six-month suspension of action on this application. Good and sufficient cause for the suspension exists in that Applicants are compiling comparative experimental data in support of patentability, and wish to submit the data in a declaration with supporting comments, but require additional time to complete this.

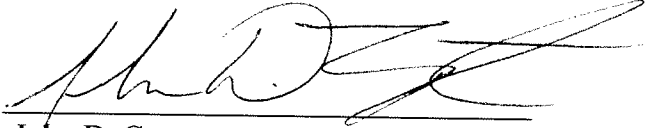
Applicants have been diligently prosecuting this Application since it was filed. Although it is believed that the amendment and arguments filed with the RCE on February 28, 2009 are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's rejections, nevertheless, Applicant's wish to bolster the record by submitting comparative experimental data. Therefore, they petition to suspend further action at this time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(g), and any other fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

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